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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—E. R. BELLING, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—AD. ANDER, Esq.  
J. E. COOPER, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.  
H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SANBORN, Esq.  
A. McIVER, Esq.

ACT. CHIEF MANAGER.  
Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Manager.  
Shanghai, . . . EVERETT CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED  
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Firm is THIS DAY DISSOLVED by consent. The Firm in Liquidation will be signed by Mr. J. A. FRASER in Japan, by Mr. E. G. Low in Shanghai, and by Mr. T. G. LINGSTAD in Hongkong, or by any one of the Partners.

HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fcl1

### NOTICE.

MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.  
MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST STEHS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

### NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

### NOTICE.

MR. J. F. CONNOR'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. mol

## VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 15th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undermentioned.

WM. CRUIKSHANK,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

### NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undermentioned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN,  
W. HULSE.  
Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

## Notices of Firms.

I HAVE this day Established myself at this Port under my own name as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

O. KEES.  
Canton, January 9, 1877. fcl9

### NOTICE.

MR. H. EBELL has This Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at SWATOW and HOIHOW, which in future will be carried on under the Name or Style of "HEXTON, EBELL & Co."

EDWARD HERTON.  
Swatow-Hoihow, January 1, 1877. fcl9

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG.

CHS. J. GAUFF & Co.,  
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,  
38, Queen's Road,  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
CHRONOMETERS,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.  
All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1876. tl

### W. BALL,

### CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

### NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE Annual General MEETING of MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 12th February, 1877, at 3 p.m.

By Order,  
N. B. DENNIS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fcl1

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of February current, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th December, 1876.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
THOMAS JACKSON,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fcl5

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th day of February current (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
THOMAS JACKSON,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fcl5

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixteenth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, to 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
OLYPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. mol

### NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the Joint List for 1877 is posted at the Supreme Court House for inspection; Notice of any inaccuracies, Omissions, or Corrections, etc., must be given to the Acting Registrar on or before TUESDAY, the Thirtieth day of February, 1877, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

F. S. HUFFAM,  
Acting Registrar.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. fcl6

## Intimations.

## MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s  
CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENOS

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 16th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 15th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 19, 1877. fcl6

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.  
Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fcl20

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.  
Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fcl20

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

### PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

### HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date the Offices of this Agency are REMOVED to the Premises in the PRAYA CENTRAL lately occupied by Messrs GILMAN & Co., next to Messrs Russell & Co.'s Building.

H. DU POUY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1877. mol

### NOTICE.

THE Office of the IMPERIAL RUSSIAN CONSULATE has This Day been REMOVED to PEDDAR'S HILL.

By Order,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. fcl2

### NOTICE.

THE Office of the IMPERIAL GERMAN CONSULATE has This Day been REMOVED to PEDDAR'S HILL.

By Order,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877. fcl2

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, 19th February, 1877, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1876, the Report of the Directors, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1877. fcl8

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1877. fcl8

## MACAO HOTEL.

PRAYA GRANDE, MACAO.

A First-Class House elegantly furnished and replete with every comfort.

WINE, SPIRITS AND Eatables of the BEST QUALITY ONLY SUPPLIED.

COUSINE RECHERCHE.

Stables and Coach-houses provided for private Horses and Carriages.

Sedan Chairs belonging to the Hotel at Visitors' call.

CHARGES MODERATE.

J. P. DE CAMPOS,  
Proprietor.

## Entertainments.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT TO BE GIVEN AT THE CITY HALL,

ON Thursday Evening,

February 8th, 1877.

Commencing at 8 o'clock.

### PART I.

No. 1. Overture.—"The Barber of Seville."

" 2. Song.—"A life that lives for you."

" 3. Trio.—"Mynheer van Dunck."

" 4. Pianoforte Solo.—"Adagio Grazioso" from 18th Sonata.—Beethoven.

" 5. Song, with Violoncello Obligato.—"Orpheus with his Lute."—Sullivan.

" 6. Solo and Chorus.—"With a laugh as we go round," from "The May Queen."—Sternthal Benetti.

### PART II.

No. 7. Quartette, for Piano, Violin, Viola and Violoncello.—"Grave and Allegro" from Op. 18.—Bethoven.

" 8. Barcarole.—"Dormi pure."—Boccherini.

" 9. Violin Solo.—"Oberon's Lullaby."—Grieg.

" 10. Four Part Song.—"The Lark."—Mendelssohn.

" 11. Song.—"My Queen."—Blumenthal.

" 12. Glee with Solo.—"That he be now a grey grey falcon—Bishop."—GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Tickets, Price \$2.00 each, may be obtained on and after MONDAY, 5th February, at 10 a.m., from Messrs LAKE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, who have a Plan of the Hall. Tickets may also be obtained at the Door of the Hall on the Evening of the Concert.

T. G. WILLIAMSON,  
Acting Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1877. fcl9

## Entertainments.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give their Fourth Performance of the Season at the

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,

ON MONDAY,

10th February, when will be presented the Popular Burlesque of

"Aladdin or the Wonderful Scamp."

Doors Open at 8.30. Performance to Commence at Nine o'clock.

Tickets may be had at Messrs LAKE, CRAWFORD & Co. on and after Wednesday, February 14th.

ORAS. C. COHEN,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 27, 1877. fcl20

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

### NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "MENZIEH," Comdt. PASQUALINI, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DU POUY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

### NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIGRE," Comdt. BARNIER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

## Sailing Vessels.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "CEYLON," KELLY, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 18, 1877. fcl8

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The American Ship "SUMATRA," Captain CLOUGH, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 19, 1877. fcl9

### FOR LONDON.

(If sufficient Inducement offers.) The 3/3 L. 1.1 Russian Ship "PANADIS," WEXLAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "CUTWATER," CHEELMAN, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

### FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Spanish Schooner "NUEVO CONSTANTE," URBANES, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
REMEDIOS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1877.

### FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The British Bark "SPIRIT OF THE AGE," Captain JOHNSON, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ROZARIO & Co.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON (DIRECT.) (If sufficient Inducement offers.)

The 3/3 L. 1.1 German Bark "HANSA," DREYER, Master, will load here, and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Ship "ENGLAND'S GLORY," KNIGHT, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 6th February, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, No. 8, Queen's Road,—

A Collection of Chinese and Japanese CURIOS, comprising: Lacquered Ware, Enamelled Vases, Cups, Bowls and Jars, Porcelain Ware, Ornaments, a Variety of Bronzes, Szechow Lacquered Ware, &c., &c., &c.

And, A large Iron BELL.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer in Mexican Dollars at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk, on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1877. fcl6

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs HEARD & Co., to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 12th February, 1877, at 2 p.m., at their Office, Queen's Road,—

The whole of their OFFICE FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Desks, Chairs, Tables, Clocks, Letter Press, Inkstands, Stationery, &c., &c.

Legal and other Books. A Collection of Charts.

One Milner's Patent Fire Resisting Safe. Measuring about 4 ft. 10 in. by 3 ft. 11 in. by 3 ft. 10 in.

One Large Copying Press.

One Platform Scale.

And, One 6-seated House-boat, with Awning, Oars, Iron Davits, Falls, &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on the day of Sale. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1877. fcl3



## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. ZAMBESI.  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the *SWALLO* and *HYDASPES*, from London, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 7th Proximo will be subject to rent.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded by the following Steamer, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

A. McIVER,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 31, 1877. f67

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Benary* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Underigned into their Godowns, whence and or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. To-morrow.

Goods remaining in Godown after the 8th February will be subject to rent.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1877. f67

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Galley of Lorne*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Underigned into their Godowns, whence and or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama unless notice to the contrary is given by 5 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 5th instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. f68

## NOTICE.

THE BRITISH SHIP TYBURNIA,

FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

FROM BUSHIRE, BANDER, ABBAS AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Gunga*, Captain A. GARDEAU, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Underigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

H. A. ASGAR & H. ESMAIL.

Hongkong, January 24, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. de POUEY,  
Agent.

Ex *Meikong*, December 20th, 1876.

ESD 15 bags White Wax.

Ex *Asia*, January 11th, 1877.

THO No. 1, 2 cases Storax.

GD No. 1, 1 case Paper.

Ex *Amazone*, January 24th, 1877.

DE, one box Sundries.

W. S. (in trian.) No. 7809 one bale Shirtings.

D (in diam.) \$ 9723 9756 } 8 b. Shirtings.

" " " 9750 9733 } 8 b. Shirtings.

" " " 9730 9762 } 8 b. Shirtings.

T (in diam.) 4976/6025 1 case Sample.

Hongkong, February 3, 1877.

TO-day's Advertisements.

## FOR MANILA.

The Departure of the S. S. "ESMERALDA"

for the above Port is Postponed until TO-MORROW,

the 6th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. MACG. HEATON,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 3, 1877. f68

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS"

Captain DENNIS, will be de-

parted for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th inst., at Day-

light, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 3, 1877. f69

FOR LONDON.

A British Ship "STAR OF CHINA,"

BLANK, Master, will load here

and leave immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 3, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## OCCIDENTAL &amp; ORIENTAL S. S. Co.

## NOTICE.

MR. GEORGE W. BAFLEY has been authorized to Sign the Company's Bills of Lading from and after this date.

G. B. EMORY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. f61

## OCCIDENTAL &amp; ORIENTAL S. S. Co.

## NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Company have This Day been REMOVED to No. 37, Queen's Road, Central.

G. B. EMORY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. f618

## NOTICE.

BY Order of the Board of Directors of the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Messrs Russell & Co. have This Day assumed charge of their AGENCY at this Port.

G. B. EMORY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. f611

## NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. Co.

IN Accordance with the above notification, we have This Day ASSUMED CHARGE of the COMPANY'S BUSINESS at this Port.

Until Further Notice the Offices of the Company will remain at No. 18, Praya Central.

Mr O. V. SMITH is authorized to sign Bills of Lading.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For Security's sake Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 19th February, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Island Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 17th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 18, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. f619

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the undermentioned Goods per British Ship Tyburnia, from London, are requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Underigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods, failing which they will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense by

MEYER & Co.,  
Agents.

White Stripes, 2103; Red Stripes, 7776

= 9879 bundles RAILROADS.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. f612

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BIRMGTON, British barque, Captain E. W. Cribb.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

CEYLON, American bark, Capt. E. Kelly.

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Baker.—Douglas Laffrak & Co.

NEHEMIAH GRISON, American barque, Captain D. Bradford.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

BOHIO, German barque, Captain J. F. Wesenberg.—Siemsen & Co.

ALDEN BESSIE, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Kozario & Co.

TYSCASTA, British ship, Captain Robt. Golden.—Meyer & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Feb. 3, *Irish*, British barque, 597, W. A. Pearce, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Dec. 24; Coal.—Douglas Laffrak & Co.

Feb. 4, *Deutschland*, German barque, from Whampoa.

Feb. 4, *Esmeralda*, British steamer, 555, E. Thebald, Amoy Feb. 3, General.—A. McG. HEATON.

Feb. 4, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, 763, J. Hogg, Shanghai Jan. 31, General.—S. Siemsen & Co.

Feb. 5, *Aida*, French steamer, 3168, from Amoy, Shanghai Feb. 2, Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes.

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## General Memoranda.

## WEDNESDAY, February 7:—

Daylight.—Douglas leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

Goods per *Zambesi* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, February 8:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

9 p.m.—H. K. Choral Society's Concert at the City Hall.

Goods per *Benary* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, February 9:—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Goods per *Galley of Lorne* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, February 12:—

2 p.m.—Sale of Office Furniture, &c., at Messrs Heard & Co.'s Office, Queen's Road.

8 p.m.—Meeting of H. K. General Chamber of Commerce, at the City Hall.

THURSDAY, February 15:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation at City Hall.

FRIDAY, February 16:—

2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 2nd March, inclusive.

MONDAY, February 19:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited, at Club Chambers.

9 p.m.—Amateur Dramatic Club Performance at the City Hall.

TUESDAY, February 20:—

8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 7, Queen's Road.

THURSDAY, March 1:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

FRIDAY, March 2:—

8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the Head Office, Hongkong.

## General Memoranda.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Esmeralda* leaves for Manila.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Sale of Curios, &c., at Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sale Room.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of The H. K. Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 20th February, inclusive.

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carries the loast eggs as much the more hopelessly.—The metropolitan province, as our Peking correspondent has told us, has also been fortunate in this respect; and the country-people in this neighbourhood are delighted with the snow and rain of Saturday night and yesterday, although they still predict a heavier snowfall about their New Year.—N. O. D. News.

### Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)  
5th February, 1877.

**DESERPTION AND EMBEZZLEMENT.**  
Thomas Coates, foreman in the Ordnance Department, Hongkong, was again brought up for having deserted from the Army. A new charge of embezzlement of military ammunition and stores was preferred against him now, viz., embezzling 8938 Snider cartridges and other ammunition and stores belonging to H. M. Coates.

Mr Sharp appeared for the prosecution, and Mr Wotton for the defence.  
Mr Sharp said there was a fresh charge against the defendant, that of embezzlement of a quantity of ammunition belonging to Government, and with his Worship's permission he would proceed with that charge and would only produce such evidence as that of a preliminary nature, as a searching enquiry was now going on and had not been completed. As to the charge of desertion, he would reserve it until the more serious charge of embezzlement was concluded, and he might have to abandon it altogether.

Mr Wotton contended that the charges ought to be proceeded with according to order. That of desertion was first on the sheet, and Mr Sharp must either proceed with it now or abandon it altogether, as the nature of the charge would alter the nature of the case.

Mr Sharp replied that the charge of embezzlement was a graver one and he would proceed with it first, and until he received further instructions, he would not proceed with the charge of desertion at present.

Mr Wotton asked if Mr Sharp would abandon the charge of desertion.

The Magistrate remarked that the defendant was arrested by a warrant on a specific charge of desertion, and it would be regular to proceed with that first.

Mr Sharp then announced his intention to abandon the charge of desertion, but would proceed with that of embezzlement under Ordinance 6 of 1875.

The Magistrate said he could not say whether desertion or embezzlement was the more serious offence, inasmuch as desertion had never been defined as to what class of offence it belonged, whether felony or misdemeanour. However, that was beside the question now, the charge of desertion having been abandoned.

Mr Sharp then proceeded to give an outline of the case. He said the prisoner was formerly in the Royal Artillery, but having bought his discharge, he was appointed in November 1872 to the Ordnance Department as foreman in charge of the Magazines in Hongkong. His duty was to receive into and issue from the magazines all stores upon orders, and to report any deficiency. In October 1876, he was found to be somewhat careless in his work and was transferred to another branch of work in the Department. Sergeant Bass took charge from him, and when he did so, he counted stores in the several magazines. The ammunition was packed in boxes and placed in layers closely together, of 4 or 6 deep, with alleys between for persons to pass, and to every package or box there was a label affixed indicating the number of cartridges in it. If any portion was taken out, it would appear there, as also in the books.

When Bass took over, he went found with the defendant, and reported that there were 340 rounds of cartridges missing. As there was a very large quantity of cartridges stored there, the head of the Department thought there might have been a mistake in the counting, and suspected nothing. But he ordered the Chief Foreman, Grimble, to check Bass' calculations, and it was found that not only 340 rounds were missing but 890 rounds. One box which was supposed to contain 600 rounds was found to contain only 10. This was reported to Mr Silveira, who thereupon had a very searching enquiry made; the boxes were taken down and examined piece-meal. This was a task of great labour and required considerable time. While this was going on, before the end of the investigation, the defendant on the 5th January last absconded. It was asked whether they knew the facts, they would say that they did not, but they would nevertheless pronounce him to be guilty. This Mr Wotton thought was prejudicial to the defendant, and it was, therefore, desirable that the case should not be heard in public.

Mr Sharp did not object either one way or the other.

The Magistrate said he would consider the application, meantime the case was remanded till next Monday.

October last, the prisoner was transferred to another part of the department. I found he was not sufficiently careful in the tally board and in his accounts. I had no suspicion of any irregularity then. I placed him on another work under the superintendence of the chief foreman. I put him in the Arsenal under the eyes of the chief foreman, I put Corporal Bass, R.A., in charge of the magazines. I did not give any orders to Bass, but his duty was to take over the stocks from the prisoner. In taking over charge, Bass' duty was to report whether they were correct or not. The prisoner went over the stocks. Bass reported a deficiency of 340 rounds of Martini-Henry ball-cartridges. I directed a close examination to be made by chief foreman Grimble. This was about the beginning of November. The foreman reported to me that there were 930 rounds short instead of 340 rounds. I received other information, and I told Grimble to examine all the magazines carefully. The prisoner absconded on the 5th January last; this was before I gave Grimble the final order to examine. I did not say anything to the prisoner before he absconded himself from his duty, and I had no suspicion of any dishonesty then. There are over a million cartridges in the magazines. The prisoner absconded while the foreman Grimble was taking the stocks. I heard that he had gone to Shanghai. It has been ascertained and reported to me that 34 boxes of Snider cartridges and 9 boxes of Martini-Henry cartridges were empty. This searching investigation is still going on. These boxes were found among the full boxes. The total number of cartridges that should have been in the empty Snider boxes is 8,628. The Martini-Henry cartridges are being looked into now. I am now handing over charge to Major Moore, and the examination will take at least ten days or a fortnight. I believe evidence will be forthcoming against the prisoner.

Mr Sharp here applied for the remand of the case for one week, and if he was not ready then, he would give notice when the case would be brought up *pro forma*, and further remanded.

Mr Wotton made an application, under 11 and 12 Vict. Cap. 42 S. 9, that when the case was next heard, it should be taken with closed doors, i.e. to say, it should not be made public. So far the evidence was only of a formal nature, so he had not made any request, but as they would go into the facts of the case, at the next hearing, he thought it was not desirable that they should be made public, as the charge might not be proved against the defendant, and the publicity might cast a slur on his future career. This was a request which was often made in ordinary cases, and this was not even an ordinary case.

The Magistrate said he believed this Act had not been extended here, and if it was, it must have been extended specially.

Mr Sharp said it had never been enforced here.

Mr Wotton said it was in the Magistrate's discretion to do so or not. He believed a short time ago, a case came before Mr Russell in which a similar application was made, and Mr Russell had said, he believed, that he had power to hear a case in private but that he did not choose to do so.

Mr Sharp observed that the question was entirely one of public policy.

The Magistrate said he had discretion, but he would be guided by the requirements of justice—whether the ends of justice would be frustrated or not.

Mr Wotton thought the ends of justice would in this case be frustrated, as if the charge was not proved against the defendant, there would be a slur cast upon his character.

The Magistrate said it would be far more satisfactory to the accused that publicity was given, because if he should be discharged, people outside would say that he was only discharged because the case was tried with closed doors. If he was innocent, it would be more satisfactory to him to clear his character before the world.

Mr Wotton urged that this was only a preliminary enquiry and was in the nature of a simple investigation only. The facts of the working of the department would be brought out, and they might not connect the defendant with them; yet if the public read them, they would jump to the conclusion that he was guilty. Two out of three who had read the case would say that he was guilty, but if they were asked whether they knew the facts, they would say that they did not, but they would nevertheless pronounce him to be guilty. This Mr Wotton thought was prejudicial to the defendant, and it was, therefore, desirable that the case should not be heard in public.

Mr Sharp did not object either one way or the other.

The Magistrate said he would consider the application, meantime the case was remanded till next Monday.

**CHARGE OF LARCENY AGAINST POLICEMEN.**  
John Gerling, P. O. No. 67, and Thomas Davis an ex-sergeant of the Japanese Police, were again brought up before Mr Russell to answer the charge of robbing some 40 from the person of a seaman named Thomas Wainford. The other charge was examined, and he corroborated the evidence of his mate. The defendants made their defence, after the usual caution had been administered to them, but their long story amounted to simply a denial. The defendant giving a long account how he had spent the evening prior to 11 o'clock, the time when the alleged robbery was said to have taken place. Two policemen were called on the defendants' behalf, but they proved nothing in their favour. The case was further remanded till Wednesday next, to enable the man belonging to the Chinese cruiser *Peng-chang-hai*, named Thomas Dods, to appear for the last defendant. The case is likely to be committed for trial.

The seaman Wainford represented that he had shipped for a vessel in Swatow, and had received advances. He was to have left for Swatow tomorrow.

The Magistrate said he could not help that; the case was an important one.

**DARING ROBBERY.**  
Tam Yew Hang, a shoemaker, was charged by Sz To Foon, a cigar manufacturer, with having robbed him by force of \$87 in his home. According to the evidence the complainant had last year returned from San Francisco with some money. He went home for a short time, but returned to Hongkong, carrying with him some \$90. He lived in a house in Lung Wah Tai Lane, Saiyingsoon. On the 4th inst. about 9.15 a.m. he was alone in the house, when two men came up and seized him. They put a gag into his mouth to prevent him

making an outcry. They also tried to tie his hands behind his back with a rope, which they partly put round his neck. They likewise took off his trousers and tied his feet. They then rubbed him of the money which he carried about his person. After this they ran away, but the complainant managed to rid himself of the fastenings and ran after the men succeeding in having the prisoner arrested. At the Station the complainant proved the case clearly against the accused, having identified him before Inspector Crook as the man who caught him by the throat, but he changed his story now, and it would appear that he had been tampered with, the defendant being a brother of a Chinese Constable No. 242, stationed at Saiyingsoon. The complainant said only two men knew that he had this money about him, viz. Ko Lo Pul and Sz To Shing, a district watchman. They both had been soliciting assistance from him, but he declined. The case was remanded, and later in the day, Sz To Shing was also charged and remanded.

**CHARGE OF EXTORTION.**  
Ohon Afoot, a fishmonger, was charged with forcibly carrying away one Ng Ma Shing, a fisherman at Aberdeen. It appeared that the complainant had been living with the unfatful wife of another man, and on the night of Saturday last, while they were in the embraces of Morpheus, a boat pulled alongside their boat, and the complainant was carried away by four men, who took him to an island outside Apichow, where the men, of whom the prisoner was one, beat and kicked him. They tied him up and wanted him to pay 20 taels because he had run away with a man's wife, and one of the men claimed to be the aggrieved husband. The complainant at first refused to pay anything, but at last yielded, promising to pay \$2. As he had no money with him, they wanted him to get security. He promised to get the bondsmen if they would go with him to Aberdeen. They did so, and the defendant accompanied him to the shop which he proposed to be the security, while the other three men followed at a distance. A policeman was passed, the complainant gave the defendant into custody for attempt to extort. The case was remanded.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**  
**SIX-AND-A-HALF PER CENT.**  
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"  
Hongkong, Feb. 5, 1877.

SIR,—I should be glad to explain why the Post-office officials here charge 6 per cent. discount on money orders drawn on Shanghai in addition to the commission for issuing the order. It cannot be a question of currency, for a dollar is a dollar all the world over, but it is simply a question of paying the money in at one office and receiving it back in similar coin at another. In Great Britain not only inland money orders are issued without any such charge, but, if I am not in error, orders are also issued on the Australian Colonies, the only charge being the commission.

I had occasion the other day to send a small amount to Shanghai, and I was told I should have to pay 6 per cent. discount and 15 cents commission, making in all 65 cents loss on \$10. If the Post-office officials here charge 6 per cent. discount on money orders drawn on Shanghai in addition to the commission for issuing the order, it cannot be a question of currency, for a dollar is a dollar all the world over, but it is simply a question of paying the money in at one office and receiving it back in similar coin at another. In Great Britain not only inland money orders are issued without any such charge, but, if I am not in error, orders are also issued on the Australian Colonies, the only charge being the commission.

This is a matter which affects more particularly the mass, as merchants and moneyed men have other means of transmitting their small sums. It would be interesting to know how many orders pass between this and Shanghai—not many, I think; in fact, the clerk appeared hardly to know what the charge was until he had held a whispered consultation with one of his colleagues, or that from a special rule of view it seems unwelcome to make such a charge. If a fair and reasonable charge were made I am inclined to believe the Chinese would avail themselves of this means of transmitting money very largely, but I do not believe that they send much under existing circumstances; they love the almighty dollar too well.

I know by experience that the Chinese have invented ways and means of squeezing a cent or two out of a dollar undreamt of in other lands, but this should hardly be adopted by a British Post-office.

NO MONOPOLY.

**THE LIGHT OF OTHER DAYS.**  
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"  
Hongkong, Feb. 5, 1877.

SIR,—I see you have given us many hints this season concerning the "dark" dealings at the Race-course in these dusky mornings. Probably you are not a believer in the saying that "the early bird catches the worm," or in the other that early-risers are necessarily the healthiest, wealthiest and wisest of our race. I often go my way to the Grand Stand of a morning, and the steaming coffee (if there were nothing else going) makes me, certainly, all the healthier and all the richer with its refreshing aroma. At the same time it seems to me that a good deal of the fun usually to be picked out of the training operations—the early morning "spin" and the promiscuous canterings and trottings—has been lost, in comparison with the older times. I hear that now much of this sort of thing is carried on during the day, when all amateur-turfs like myself are poring over letters or ledgers; and that persons who may be called semi-professional men, who come from outside as it were, appear to prefer that much of the usual morning's amusements should be deferred to a more convenient season later in the day. The consequence is that now the morning at the Course is not unfrequently as dull as ditchwater; and considering that there are now far more letters or sweeps put forward than there used to be, it is scarcely fair to the public that such practices should exist. Why not have everything connected with our little race-meeting open and above-board? The "man in the ditch" policy has been tried and found wanting; and I am certain that the feeling of the subscribers is strongly against its revival. Of course it is difficult to know what to do in such a case. The Stewards cannot put a lock and key on the place after a certain hour, nor can they occupy the Course with a band of policemen or rangers. Still, from my humble point of view, I fancy a strong representation by the

Stewards to those specially interested might have some effect. I put this forward only by way of suggestion, in the conviction that everything that tends to lessen the genuine sport of the Meeting takes away from the wholesome nature of this annual recreation.

Yours &c.

### AN OLD STAGER.

#### China.

SHANGHAI.  
(News.)

The testimonial referred to in the address to the Hon. Geo. F. Seward, in May last, as in course of preparation for presentation to him, has arrived in Shanghai, and will be placed at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s store to-day and following days for public inspection. It consists of a massive silver centre-piece in the shape of a turban and stand, of chased design and excellent workmanship in burnished and dead silver, and bearing appropriate ornaments of fruits, flowers, and ears of corn, each handle being supported by what seems to be a typical Indian female head. Both turban and stand are raised on lions' claws, arranged in pairs, and the general effect is very good. The turban bears the following inscription:—"Presented by members of the Foreign Community of Shanghai, to their fellow resident, the Hon. Geo. F. Seward, on the occasion of his departure for Peking as United States Minister to China, as a token of their regard and esteem.—Shanghai, May 26th, 1876."—Messrs. Tiffany & Co., of New York, were the manufacturers.

Yesterday, information was given to the Police that a native woman was lying dangerously wounded in a house in Canton-road. Upon investigation, the poor creature was found lying in bed, badly out in three or four places on the head and once on the forehead. It was also ascertained that the wounds were inflicted at nine o'clock the same morning, by a man with whom she had refused to associate, with a fan-dagger which was found in the room with the hands broken as though in a struggle, and stained with blood. There were other native women in the house, who, on being asked why they had not called the Police, said they did not know what to do. The wounded woman, who had lost much blood, and had lain in the condition described for more than three hours, was conveyed to the Shantung Road Hospital, where she lies in a precarious state.

Thursday afternoon, about four o'clock, a respectable Chinese man accidentally fell into the river from one of the Hongkong wharves, and rapidly floated away with his head under water and his feet in the air. A large quantity of clothing he was wearing prevented his sinking; but although he struggled hard, he was unable to right himself. In this way, the unfortunate man floated a considerable distance, no effort being made to save him, although there were scores of coolies on the wharves, and sampans near at hand. A foreigner passing down the river in a pair-oared boat, however, noticing some excitement, looked round and saw what he thought was a bundle of clothes in the stream. A slight motion of the apparent bundle undeceived him, and rowing quickly to the spot, he arrived just in time to prevent the drowning man sinking. With assistance, and at some risk of capsizing, he got him into the boat and took him ashore, and he was then taken in a jinriksha to the Canton-house station, where every necessary attention was given, and he soon recovered sufficiently to be removed by his friends.

The steamer *Amoy* reports that on Saturday night there was a heavy fall of snow at Ningpo. The *Haining* also reports having had to anchor on account of a snowstorm, on her passage from Foochow.

We give a rough translation of a document printed yesterday in the *Shingpo*, which purports to be a draft of proposed rules for the regulation of *lekin* under the new provisions. The Rules appear to have been circulated by the Taotai among the Foreign Consuls, and bear very evident impress of their official origin. Instead of simply stating the plain fact that Foreign Goods are to be exempt from *lekin* within the Foreign Settlements, providing for the definition of what are Foreign Goods, and warning tax collectors to leave these alone—the Rules are chiefly intent upon establishing the converse position and elaborating a system of *lekin* collection on goods that can be possibly excluded from the benefit of exemption. We hope the Consuls will object that what they have to do is to exempt certain goods, not to pass rules for the taxation of others.

We understand that, after a full investigation yesterday morning (Jan. 30th), Mr. Davenport decided to dismiss Ring from his appointment at the gaol; as it was evident he lacked the discretion necessary for the post.

The man who lately attempted to murder a woman in a house in Canton Road, has been apprehended in the City, and confined in the Chinese's gaol. The offence having been committed in the Settlement, it is said he will be sent to the Mixed Court for preliminary examination. The injured woman still lies in the Shantung Road Hospital, but is slowly recovering.

Mr Davenport left last night (Jan. 31st) in the str. *Haining* for Foochow, on important official business; and we hear, will be absent about a fortnight.

#### (Courier.)

Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Peking has published the following notification for the behoof of British subjects in China:—"In the case of all Merchandise of a *bona fide* foreign origin, which after having paid the full import duty it shall be desired to re-export to a foreign country, provided that the goods remain intact and unchanged in the original packages, the first day of the first month of the third year of Kwang Shu (February 18th 1877), shall be the period from which a period of 98 months shall be allowed, counting from the date of importation to the date of exportation, with which the issue of drawback certificates may be applied for; the said certificates being exchangeable for ready money at the option of the merchant."

"Drawback certificates issued previously to the 18th of February, 1877, being unlimited as to time, shall be receivable on payment of duty; but shall not be redeemable in cash."

It is not often that we meet advertisements

gratis, but the following is too good to be priced in sordid dress.

The undersigned respectfully informs visitors to Kioto and Biwa, that he will conduct (under his personal supervision) a first class hotel situate at Maruyama Kioto, Japan. The buildings are so situated that the whole city of Kioto can be clearly seen there, being on one side surrounded by hills covered with beautiful flowers, and presenting the finest scenery in the country.

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Various Kinds of wines. Beer, and other European liquors, sold at possibly fairest price.

The proprietor wishes the visitors to come, without charging their part—prejudice change for meal and stoppage per-day.

But you and 50 sen

But every one may desire his own agreeable change.

Ya-ami's Hotel (old Joutei's)  
At Maruyama, Kioto,  
Japan.

Mr J. C. Myers, the U. S. Consul-General at Shanghai, has issued the following circular:—"The Minister of Spain has informed the United States Legation at Peking, that the port of Jolo (Soc-loo), in the Archipelago of that name, has been opened to commerce under the following conditions:—1. I have been instructed to convey this information to American Merchants at this Port. 1st.—Trade may be carried on in all articles, saving Arms and War Munitions, and those which are forbidden as contrary to morals or the public health. 2nd.—Manifests of the whole lading of vessels arriving and departing will be required for statistical purposes. 3rd.—Vessels may go from Jolo to other Ports of the Archipelago, after having obtained permission of the Authorities. 4th.—Vessels arriving from Jolo, at the Ports of the Philippines, will be dealt with as coming from abroad, but native products, arriving under the Spanish flag, will be taxed at coasting rates. 5th.—Goods exported from the Philippines to Jolo, under the Spanish flag, will be taxed at coasting rates. They may also be exported under foreign flags, in conformity with existing laws, and after the payment of duties."

It is reported that the China Merchants' Company is about to issue a new stock against the purchase of S. S. N. steamers and real estate, with a capital of Tls. 3,000,000 at Tls. 125 per share. The officials will thus have a good opportunity of investing the savings that they have made during their term of office, which is, of course, a very legitimate form of commercial enterprise.

We hear a rumour, from a usually well-informed source, that great preparations are being made for fresh enterprises in the North-west under Tu Tung-tang, whose campaign next spring is likely to cost a very pretty sum.

We hear that Mr Thomas W. Kingsmill, President of the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, proposes to deliver his inaugural address shortly after the Chinese New Year.

A Friend at Ningpo informs us that the rise in freights consequent on the transfer of S. S. N. Co.'s steamers to the China Merchants' Company is having the effect of drawing outside steamers to that port. The *Foochow* and *Chinkiang* arrived there on the 24th, the former to load cotton for Hongkong, and the latter to take in tea for Shanghai at a lower rate than is charged by the China Merchants' Company.

#### PEKING.

Jan. 18th.

The tail-cutting mania seems at last to have invaded the sacred precincts of the capital. The result at present is only one tailless urchin in a mission school, and as the matter has been put into the hands of the Lord Mayor we shall probably hear of no more losses of this kind. A more serious matter is the recent loss of four copper cannon from the house which the thieves have discovered, but the guns are hopelessly lost, having passed through the melting furnace of some foundry. All the authorities connected with the gate, which is the one through which barbarians coming from Tientsin generally enter, have been invited to enter the Hsing-pu or Board of Punishments, and the authorities will probably get far more copper out of the transaction than has been lost in the guns. Possibly some of the more peaceably disposed of the soldiery having heard that Li Hung-chang has purchased 750,000 dollars worth of torpedoes, have determined to beat some of the old spears into pruning-hooks, or rather reduce the copper cannon to pots and pans. The result will probably be most unpleasant to the operators. During this cold spell frozen bodies are frequently found in the streets. There are certain inns in which the beggars herd at night, lying together like herrings in a barrel. The charge for this accommodation is about ten cash of the provincial currency, and a beggar who cannot produce this must stay and perish in the streets. A depot for the relief of the starving has been established in each of the five regions into which the city is divided, and thin millet soup is doled out; but the relief is of course totally inadequate, so that many of the feeble and aged must perish, even though we can only call this a time of scarcity, not actual famine.—*Shingpo* Courier.

#### DARING ESCAPE FROM H.B.M.'S GAOL AT SHANGHAI.

William Edwards, who on Monday last was convicted of an attempted larceny on board the S. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Hupai*, and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, effected his escape in a daring manner from H.B.M.'s gaol on Thursday (Jan. 29th) evening. Having by some means procured two light beams forming a portion of the gallows, together with a number of pieces of wood and a quantity of cord and plaited rope, some of which appears to have been used as clothes line in the gaol yard, he lashed the two beams end to end, and so obtained a sufficient length to reach the top of both the walls surrounding the gaol. Crawling at intervals he lashed the gallo pieces of wood, and thus formed a sort of ladder, and when he had reached the top of the steps he climbed with facility. To do this work must have occupied him much more than an hour, but how he obtained the materials, and when he constructed the ladder, is at present unknown. At a few minutes past five he was seen securely fastened in his cell, after having had his tea at the same

time as the other prisoners; but between this time and eight o'clock, the hour for looking up for the night, all the prisoners, including Edwards, to guard whom special instructions for known reasons were given, were again visited, and Charles Ring, the third constable, then reported to Mr. Barnes, the chief constable, that Edwards' cell door was open, and that he had escaped. Search was instantly made in all directions, but no trace of the fugitive was discovered. But in the late prisoner's cell was found his prison shirt, coat, and trousers and outside the outer prison wall the ladder above described was discovered—both incidents making it apparent that he had received aid by some means, and that the instructions to watch him closely were not ill-based. The spring-bolt of his cell-lock was thrown back and held in the catch provided for it, and it had been proved to be impossible to open tamper with the lock from the inside of the cell. The suspicion therefore is that it was purposely left unlocked to facilitate the prisoner's escape. Information was at once given to the Police, and a close search instituted, the result being that at about 11.30 p.m., the same night, P.C. Jensen (25) while watching the North Soochow road and Creek near the Railway Station, saw a sampan coming down the stream towards the Settlement. When it arrived opposite him, he heard some one inside whistle softly once. Suspecting who it was, Jensen ordered the sampan-man to scull ashore, and he did at once obeyed. On the sampan, reaching the bank, Edwards jumped out, and exclaiming, "Hill me," ran off pursued by Jensen, who called "Police! police!" A native constable near at hand tried to stop Edwards, but was struck by him in the right eye, and knocked down. Edwards himself stumbling in the act. Jensen continued the chase, and ultimately captured Edwards, whose progress had been slackened by the interference of two or three foreigners. He made no further resistance, and was lodged in the Central Police Station. Yesterday afternoon, by direction of A. Davenport, Esq., Acting-Constable and Sheriff, Edwards was taken before R. A. Mowat, Esq., at the Police Court, and sufficient evidence having been taken to justify the step, he was remanded on both charges for a week.—

The enquiries made by the Police, having caused suspicion to rest upon Ring, the constable at the gaol, he was arrested on the charge of unlawfully aiding and assisting Edwards to break out of gaol. This charge was also partially investigated yesterday afternoon before Mr Mowat, and on the application of the Police the prisoner was remanded till Tuesday next at ten o'clock. Charles Ring, the third constable of H.B.M.'s gaol, who was in custody under remand from Friday last until this morning (30th), charged with aiding the convict William Edwards in his recent escape from prison, was yesterday (Jan. 29th) set at liberty by order of the Police Magistrate; it being represented, in effect, that no *prima facie* case could be substantiated against him. It is said that, since Friday, the prisoner Edwards has written a lengthy document, purporting to be a confession of how he obtained the materials to fabricate his ladder, where he concealed it when made, and how he managed to procure the unlocking of his cell-door, all of which, as is believed, clearly exculpates Ring from any complicity in the escape. Remembering Edwards' request, repeatedly made in Court, to be permitted there to make a statement which would explain all and "clear the gaoler," we think this alleged document might well be made public for general satisfaction. The voluntary remark made by Ring, when trying in presence of an Inspector of Police and Chief Constable of the gaol to open Edwards' cell-lock with a carving-knife—that "there were two other cells, the doors of which he could easily open from the inside," adding that "a prisoner had told him the way to do it," seems to show that some neglect must have prevailed within the gaol, upon which the document might perhaps throw light. For another reason also, none of the incidents connected with this escape should be withheld.

#### Quotations.

Hongkong, Feb. 5, 1877.

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" " credit, 547  
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